

Senate Amendment 5231

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1 1 Amend House File 2540, as amended, passed, and
1 2 reprinted by the House, as follows:
1 3 #1. Page 13, by inserting after line 2 the
1 4 following:
1 5 <IOWA FOOD POLICY COUNCIL
1 6 Sec. _____. FINDINGS AND DECLARATION. The general
1 7 assembly finds and declares all of the following:
1 8 1. The economy and social fabric of this state are
1 9 inextricably linked to food production and food
1 10 production-related activities.
1 11 2. Food production accounts for more than
1 12 twenty-five percent of the state's gross annual
1 13 product.
1 14 3. The expansion of global markets for
1 15 agricultural products has failed to keep pace with
1 16 increased agricultural productivity in recent years,
1 17 leading to a reduction in the amount of income earned
1 18 by local producers.
1 19 4. Unacceptable numbers of people from across the
1 20 state and around the world do not have reliable access
1 21 to Iowa's abundant food supply.
1 22 5. This state contains some of the most productive
1 23 farmland found anywhere in the world, and the
1 24 potential to feed hungry populations and generate
1 25 sustainable income for local producers is virtually
1 26 unlimited.
1 27 6. This state has natural and population resources
1 28 to become a world leader in a new economy by creating
1 29 an efficient food infrastructure that links producers,
1 30 processors, distributors, and marketers to vibrant and
1 31 sustainable world markets.
1 32 7. The development of important linkages to
1 33 different parts of the food infrastructure will enable
1 34 this state to establish itself as the food capital of
1 35 the world by creating new opportunities to increase
1 36 profitability for Iowa agricultural producers through
1 37 product diversification, local processing, enhanced
1 38 distribution, and direct marketing.
1 39 8. It is imperative for policymakers to develop a
1 40 common working knowledge of Iowa's overall food system
1 41 by collecting and analyzing information about the
1 42 state's food infrastructure, including consumer
1 43 patterns, in an effort to improve food policy-related
1 44 decisions.
1 45 9. A state food policy that is designed to produce
1 46 a safe, nutritious, and adequate food supply stock for
1 47 world consumption must also balance economic,
1 48 environmental, and social considerations that are
1 49 important to the people of this state.
1 50 Sec. _____. NEW SECTION. 7.19 IOWA FOOD POLICY
2 1 COUNCIL.
2 2 An Iowa food policy council is established within
2 3 the office of the governor.
2 4 1. The purpose of the Iowa food policy council is
2 5 to advise the governor on all aspects of the food
2 6 system in Iowa. The council's advice shall include
2 7 but not be limited to all of the following:
2 8 a. The state's baseline agricultural production
2 9 output, including the collection of data and an
2 10 assessment of the amount of food produced annually in
2 11 this state; the amount of food that is purchased and
2 12 consumed by state residents; and the extent to which
2 13 the food produced in this state is processed,
2 14 distributed, and marketed by local individuals and
2 15 businesses.
2 16 b. Barriers that limit the access of local
2 17 businesses to production, distribution, and consumer
2 18 markets within this state and to markets outside this
2 19 state. The council shall perform an assessment which
2 20 includes but is not limited to an examination of the
2 21 manner in which state and local policies may impede
2 22 the ability of local individuals and businesses to
2 23 engage in food production, processing, distribution,
2 24 and marketing activities.

2 25 c. Barriers that limit the access of hungry
2 26 consumers to available food stocks.
2 27 d. Innovative local food system activities,
2 28 including an assessment of the state's capacity to
2 29 replicate these activities across this state.
2 30 e. Strategies to expand training and assistance
2 31 programs for local individuals and businesses,
2 32 including methods that link actors at each stage of
2 33 the local food infrastructure together in a working
2 34 system.
2 35 f. Strategies to improve the participation of
2 36 state and local governments in the development of a
2 37 growing local food infrastructure.
2 38 g. Strategies to link consumers to a growing local
2 39 food infrastructure.
2 40 2. The council shall be composed of all of the
2 41 following:
2 42 a. Seven members serving as ex officio, nonvoting
2 43 members, including all of the following:
2 44 (1) The secretary of agriculture or the
2 45 secretary's designee.
2 46 (2) The director of the department of economic
2 47 development or the director's designee.
2 48 (3) The director of the department of human
2 49 services or the director's designee.
2 50 (4) The director of the Iowa department of public
3 1 health or the director's designee.
3 2 (5) The director of the department of education or
3 3 the director's designee.
3 4 (6) The director of the Iowa department of elder
3 5 affairs or the director's designee.
3 6 (7) The director of the department of inspections
3 7 and appeals or the director's designee.
3 8 b. One person serving as a voting member,
3 9 associated with the Iowa cooperative extension service
3 10 in agriculture and home economics and who is appointed
3 11 by the president of Iowa state university.
3 12 c. Not less than eleven and not more than sixteen
3 13 persons who are public members serving as voting
3 14 members, who are actively engaged in areas of this
3 15 state's food system, and who are appointed by the
3 16 governor, including all of the following:
3 17 (1) An agricultural producer, who is engaged in
3 18 direct marketing of food to consumers, and whose scope
3 19 of operations is principally local.
3 20 (2) A food processor whose scope of operations is
3 21 principally local.
3 22 (3) A food distributor whose scope of operations
3 23 is principally local.
3 24 (4) A person engaged in agriculture and education
3 25 in an urban environment.
3 26 (5) A person who is an agricultural policy and
3 27 legal expert.
3 28 (6) A person who is an expert in hunger prevention
3 29 and food security.
3 30 3. A vacancy on the council shall be filled for
3 31 the unexpired portion of the regular term in the same
3 32 manner as the regular appointment is made.
3 33 4. a. Appointments of the public members are
3 34 subject to the requirements of sections 69.16 and
3 35 69.16A, and to every extent feasible shall be
3 36 geographically balanced. The public members shall be
3 37 confirmed by the senate, pursuant to section 2.32.
3 38 b. A public member shall serve a five-year term
3 39 beginning and ending as provided in section 69.19.
3 40 However, the governor shall appoint initial members to
3 41 serve for less than five years to ensure members serve
3 42 staggered terms. A member is eligible for
3 43 reappointment.
3 44 5. The council shall elect a chairperson from
3 45 among its public members each year on a rotating basis
3 46 as provided by the council. The council shall meet on
3 47 a regular basis and at the call of the chairperson or
3 48 upon the written request to the chairperson of a
3 49 majority of public members.
3 50 6. Members are not entitled to receive
4 1 compensation, but public members shall receive
4 2 reimbursement of expenses as provided in section 7E.6.
4 3 7. A majority of public members constitute a
4 4 quorum and the affirmative vote of a majority of the
4 5 public members present is necessary for any

4 6 substantive action to be taken by the council. The
4 7 majority shall not include any member who has a
4 8 conflict of interest and a statement by a member that
4 9 the member has a conflict of interest is conclusive
4 10 for this purpose. A vacancy in the membership does
4 11 not impair the duties of the council.
4 12 8. The governor's office shall assist the council
4 13 in carrying out its functions.
4 14 a. The council shall seek administrative support
4 15 from the agricultural law center at Drake university.
4 16 To every extent feasible, research, policy
4 17 development, and publication activities shall be
4 18 coordinated through Drake university.
4 19 b. The council may seek and obtain financing to
4 20 support its activities, including private donations,
4 21 state and federal grant assistance, and institutional
4 22 support from Drake university.
4 23 Sec. _____. IOWA FOOD POLICY COUNCIL. There is
4 24 appropriated from the general fund of the state to the
4 25 office of the governor for the fiscal year beginning
4 26 July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007, the following
4 27 amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used
4 28 for the purpose designated:
4 29 For the purpose of allocating the full amount of
4 30 the appropriation to Drake university to support the
4 31 Iowa food policy council as established in this Act:
4 32 \$ 5,000>
4 33 #2. By renumbering as necessary.
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